

MINUTES

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Red River-Bowie
Missionary Baptist
Association

held with the

HODGSON BAPTIST CHURCH

August 25-26, 1960

OFFICERS FOR 1961

- MODERATOR** **ELD. ROYAL C. BURT**
303 Short St., Clarksville, Texas
- ASSISTANT MODERATOR** **ELD. R. T. STEVENS**
Avery, Texas
- CLERK** **ELD. VEO GLOVER**
Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas
- TREASURER** **ELD. BILLY PEARSON**
Rt. 3, Box 391, Marshall, Texas

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Introductory sermon by Eld. G. F. Crumley.

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CLERK Veo Glover
TREASURER George E. White

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NEW OFFICERS FOR 1961

MODERATOR Royal C. Burt
303 Short St., Clarksville, Texas
ASSISTANT MODERATOR R. T. Stevens
Avery, Texas
CLERK Veo Glover
Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas
TREASURER Billy Pearson
Rt. 3, Box 391, Marshall, Texas

PROCEEDINGS

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. August 25, 1960 by the Moderator, Eld. James H. Kesner and Eld. James Rosenberry was called to direct the congregation in song. The hymn, "Tell Me The Story of Jesus" was selected. Prayer was worded by Eld. H. E. Rhodes.

Another song was called for and the number selected was entitled "Tell It To Jesus." Bro. O. B. Rogers spoke for the church at Hodgson and extended a hearty welcome to the messengers and visitors.

Moderator, Bro. Kesner called the roll of the churches of the Association and there were eight churches represented. Several visitors were present and were recognized.

Bro. H. E. Rhodes gave a brief report on his mission work.

The hymn "He Keeps Me Singing" was directed, after which, Moderator, Bro. Kesner introduced Eld. H. L. Johnston who had been chosen at the 1959 meeting to preach the opening sermon.

Bro. Johnston read James 1: 22-25, using verse 22 as a text. He brought a powerful message on the subject, "Not Merely Hearers But Doers of The Word."

A congregational song was called for by the Moderator and Bro. Robert Tull extended to Bro. Johnston a hand of indorsement for the congregation.

Several announcements were made, after which there was a motion to adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Friday 26th. Benediction was voiced by Eld. Royal Burt.

FRIDAY MORNING

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Kesner at 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 26, and Eld. R. T. Stevens directed the congregation as they sang "We Will Work Till Jesus Comes." Prayer was worded by Eld. J. B. Watson. Bro. Stevens lead in singing "Send The Light."

The Moderator asked Bro. Prather to bring a devotional. Bro. Prather read Eph. 3:1-7. A very timely message was brought.

Moderator, Eld. Kesner, asked the congregation to stand and he declared the One Hundred and Seventeenth session of the Red River-Bowie Association officially in session.

Bren. R. T. Stevens and G. F. Crumley were appointed reading clerks. And, Bro. O. B. Rogers was appointed finance committeeman.

The first order of business was the selection of a speaker to preach at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Bro. Ray Brooks was elected by vote of the messengers.

There was a call by Moderator Kesner for the reading of the letters from the churches. After the letters were read there was a motion to seat the messengers and invite the visiting Brethren to counsel with us. The motion was carried.

A motion was made to go into election of officers for the 118th annual session of Red River-Bowie Association. The motion was affirmed by majority vote.

Nominations for Moderator were called for Bren. Royal Burt and R. T. Stevens were nominated. There was a motion that the one receiving the highest vote serve as moderator and the second as assistant in offices where assistants are required. The motion carried by majority vote.

Officers elected to the various offices were:

MODERATOR — Eld. Royal Burt. Assistant, Eld. R. T. Stevens.

CLERK — Eld. Veo Glover.

TREASURER — Eld. Billy Pearson.

A congregational song was led by Eld. R. T. Stevens.

A prayer was worded by Bro. Oscar Pinkham. Eld. Ray Brooks was introduced and brought the 11:00 o'clock message. He read 1 Cor. 10: 12. Subject, "Christian Forgetfulness," Israel was used as an example, Psa. 106. Bro. Brooks' message was powerful and instructive.

The Moderator asked Eld. J. B. Watson to extend to Bro. Brooks a hand of indorsement.

Committees were appointed to report on the various phases of the associated work.

Visitors were recognized and introduced by Moderator, Bro. Kesner.

A motion carried to select a place to meet in 1961. By majority vote Avery Baptist Church was selected.

There was a motion to adjourn until 1:30 for the noon meal. Several announcements were made before dismissal. Benediction was by Eld. Royal Burt.

A wonderful meal was enjoyed and services were resumed at 1:30 p.m. with singing of "Tell It To Jesus" led by Eld. Veo Glover. Prayer was led by Bro. Raymond Jeffery. The Moderator then read the Rules of Decorum.

Nominations were called for to preach the introductory sermon in 1961. Bro. G. F. Crumley was elected by majority vote.

A resolution was offered by the resolutions committee, and read by Eld. G. F. Crumley, concerning the election of a Catholic for president. There was a motion and second that the resolution be adopted as read, and that it appear in the minutes of our next catalogue. There was some discussion and by majority vote the motion carried. (The resolution appears below.)

RESOLUTION REGARDING A ROMAN CATHOLIC FOR PRESIDENT

WHEREAS the Democratic Party has nominated a candidate for President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, a Roman Catholic who describes himself as "a loyal son of the church," and

WHEREAS every loyal Roman Catholic is conscious-bound to obey the mandates of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, under penalty of excommunication which to the devout Catholic means that his immortal soul is lost and in danger of hell; and

WHEREAS the Roman Catholic Church is a political as well as religious organization, with headquarters in the Vatican, an independent, sovereign state with all appointments of government; and

WHEREAS the Roman Catholic Church historically and doctrinally stands for union of church and state, which is unalterably opposed to the letter and the spirit of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS a loyal Roman Catholic would be under severe pressure to make political decisions and appointments in the interest of the Roman Catholic religion, even though such decisions and appointments might be contrary to the convictions of other religious groups, or contrary to constitutional principles of government; and

WHEREAS in every country today that is administered by Roman Catholic officials, religious freedom is permitted only within the interpretation of Roman Catholic Church teachings; and

WHEREAS official documents and published statements by responsible Roman Catholic authorities reveal that the aim of the Roman Catholic Church is to attain the same domination and control in this country as in other Roman Catholic-dominated countries, which includes the requirement that public officials subscribe to the Roman Catholic religion, and that public tax funds be used to support institutions of the Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS the Roman Catholic Church has a history of blood persecution against non-Catholics whenever and wherever they attain control of governments through selection of Roman Catholic officials, not only in the past but in the present:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the Messengers of the Churches composing the Red River—Bowie Missionary Baptist Association, meeting in our 1960 annual session with Hodgson Missionary Baptist Church, DeKalb, Texas, go on record as reaffirming our historic Baptist position regarding separation of Church and State, based upon the teachings of the Bible and guaranteed by the Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we oppose by every legitimate means the election of a Roman Catholic as President of the United States, now and in the future, as a matter of civic duty in the best interest of Constitutional government, and that we urge not only the membership of our Churches to oppose such election, but also every citizen with whom we may come in contact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we reaffirm that this stand is not taken because of religious prejudice against any individual of the Roman Catholic religion, but against the principle of Roman Catholicism which demands allegiance of United States citizens and officials to a foreign power, the Vatican State, but that we recognize the constitutional right of any citizen to embrace any religion he chooses or no religion at all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be placed in our Minutes, and made available to the public generally.

Respectfully submitted

G. F. Crumley

Rufus H. Varner

Roy C. Hill

Reports of other committees are as follows.

After each report was given they were discussed by the committee chairman and other informants, finally to be adopted by the vote of the messenger body.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We, your committee on Associational Missions, submit the following report.

Since we do not have an associational missionary, and there appears to be no definite work going on, we recommend that all the churches of this association put forth a cooperative effort to help out Missionaries on the national and world wide bases.

A. I. Bond
O. H. Pinkham
Roy C. Hill

STATE MISSIONS

We, your committee on State Missions, submit the following report.

In as much as the commission was given to the Church to evangelize the world, State Missions was included and at present we have three full time missionaries on the field, namely R. E. Rodgers working at present in Livingston; J. C. Askew now working West Texas; H. E. Rhodes who is with the new church in Silsbee. Also we have Bro. O. P. Meadows working on part time basis and Bro. Calvin Hancock on designated salary. We believe that the Lord is blessed in this work and we recommend our churches support our State Mission work with our means and prayers.

We recommend an offering for this work at this time. (An offering of \$35.60 was received.)

H. E. Rhodes
Alvin Blalock
Morris Downs

FOREIGN AND INTERSTATE MISSIONS

We your committee would not recommend anything that would hinder local and state missions, but the churches of the Lord have not fulfilled their duty as His churches until they feel the responsibility of missions to the uttermost part of the world.

Solomon said, "People without a vision perish." This is true concerning missions. To expect God's richest blessings, each member of each of the Lord's churches should feel the burden for the lost of all the world.

Through the associated work of the American Baptist Association there is ample opportunity to have part in Interstate and Foreign Missions. We believe that there is no way of doing mission work as Scriptural as the A. B. A. Therefore we urge each church and each member of such churches to obey the Lord in the matter of "Going into all the world and preaching the gospel."

R. T. Stevens
R. C. Burt
Ross G. Mitchell

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We believe that Christian Education should begin on the church level because Jesus gave His church authority to teach all things which He commanded, Matt. 28: 18-20.

This can be done in Sunday School and B. T. C. work and any other honorable means a church may use to teach God's Word. We believe the local church should put forth every honorable effort to enlist every boy, girl, man and woman in their community in Sunday School and B. T. C. We believe parents should be instructed to bring their children to Sunday School and B. T. C. J. Edgar Hoover tells us that children brought up in Sunday School are seldom brought up in court.

We also believe that the Young People's meetings are good places to educate our children. We recommend to the churches to plan programs at such meetings to instruct the children.

We also recommend the Texas Baptist Institute as worthy of your support in training young preachers to proclaim the truth of God's Word. We recommend that churches help young preachers in their membership to attend Texas Baptist Institute. This can be done through regular offerings and replenishing the store room.

Gene C. Smith
H. L. Johnston
Alvin Blalock

Churches and Statistics

Akin Grove	2	3	85	586.00	70.00	18.50	18.50	5.00	23.62	42.00	593.41	13.38	146.57	49.54	45.98	11.85	18.50	113.20	74.00	963.46
Austin Chapel	15	13	246	3,415.00	166.79	59.33	59.33	128.21	59.33	246.87	28.70	1,095.69	121.96	45.98	22.50	134.33	113.20	74.00	6,004.56	
Avery	12	15	213	3,120.00	213.28	193.45	210.95	247.76	33.00	652.16	7.00	413.94	173.34	3.40	7.50	192.47	346.12	66.20	6,100.88	
Bethel	11	3	25	345.61	310.26	14.35	6.00		55.69	20.35	46.34	131.98	21.46	10.00					941.67	
College Hill	3	74		515.00	110.00	29.09	29.09	29.09		87.27	34.10	14.00	179.76	40.91	10.00				991.04	
Friendship	4	16	132	2,855.00	352.00	57.88	57.88	57.88	16.16	173.64	869.25	450.29	998.70	80.69	8.00	57.88	175.02	70.20	5,974.98	
First	2	68	63	1,775.00	100.00	131.93	108.25		108.18	240.18	153.60	15.00	216.77	79.30	7.50	138.60			2,826.63	
Hodson	1	2	43	685.00	230.00						82.40	28.30	62.46	45.72	12.00				1,141.38	
Hopewell	16	4	160	1,026.42	141.50						75.90	56.50	48.82	62.32	20.00	72.61	80.76	51.80	4,689.97	
Hubbard Chapel	6	3	172	3,055.00	158.00	115.06	109.06	156.10	109.06	380.22	170.48	165.40	396.44	74.74	5.00	2.00			885.48	
Lydia	1	1	79	585.00	100.00	10.00	7.88			17.88		53.00	95.10	27.50	3.00	6.00			558.79	
Maple Creek	6	1	71	288.00	54.00	37.09	37.09	37.09	37.09	111.27			37.00	22.43		73.02			1,249.41	
Mt. Pleasant	4	1	53	685.00	75.00	60.00			20.00	60.00	193.31	59.00	18.63	45.45	20.00				885.48	
New Haven	9	11	182	2,140.72	114.00	68.00	30.00	30.00	33.00	128.00	248.58	184.35	270.79	88.97	11.50	14.08	397.40	66.70	3,410.39	
New Hope	4	5	58	1,224.00	49.00					72.00		54.00	26.00	38.80	5.00				1,342.80	
Post Oak	1	5	61	1,400.00	112.00	72.00							378.20	45.00	12.63				2,133.03	
West Side	25	8	167	3,055.00	327.79	118.81	77.78	132.99	12.50	329.58	1,938.03	2,260.87	104.07	56.46	15.00	179.36	215.45	59.20	8,278.66	
TOTAL	119	162	1884	26,755.75	2,683.60	985.49	751.81	824.12	509.63	2,561.25	6,266.01	1,126.92	6,777.70	1,124.20	210.77	20.04	176.98	857.74	1,327.95	388,104.89

TOTAL

It is our firm conviction that God is pleased by the energetic efforts of Christian women that work for Him.

We refer you to Scripture found in Rom. 16: 1,3,6, where Phoebe was recommended as a servant of the church of Cenchrea, and Priscilla a great helper in the church, and Mary who laboured much for the Lord.

Mrs. Veo Glover
Mrs. Howard Ruddle
Mrs. Jim Stewart

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

We, your committee on your people's work, submit the report as follows.

We believe that the churches of our association do not place enough emphasis on the work designed for young people.

In our Baptist Training Course, which is to train our young people, there is not the encouragement from the older members as there should be.

Our National Association is in the process of buying property for all future youth encampment meetings. This property will be used by each state that desires to use it, as well as for the National Youth Encampment. Therefore, we urge that each of our churches support this worthy project.

We further recognize that the proper training must begin at home and we urge each parent to properly train and encourage our young people.

Billy Pearson
R. C. Burt
James Rosenberry

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Whereas conditions today in our Association sessions differ from those in previous years, in that we have only one day of official business, and

Whereas according to our constitution itself, it is impossible to amend the constitution now,

Be it resolved that a Committee be elected composed of five brethren, and

Be it further resolved that a draft of the proposed revision be submitted to the churches no later than June 1, 1961, for their consideration. That they may instruct their messengers for or against adoption at our 1961 session.

Respectfully submitted,
G. F. Crumley
R. C. Hill
Rufus H. Varner

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Whereas the Hodgson Missionary Baptist Church has splendidly entertained the 1960 session of the Red River—Bowie Association, making all present feel welcome.

Be it resolved that we express our appreciation for the hospitality by a standing vote.

G. F. Crumley
Roy C. Hill
Rufus H. Varner

There was a motion that carried by the vote of the messenger body, that all monies left after printing of the minutes is paid be given to the clerk, Eld. Veo Glover, for his services.

A motion and second carried to continue Youth Night and that a committee be appointed to work with this program.

The committee appointed are:
G. F. Crumley
R. T. Stevens
Billy Pearson

Invitations for the next Fifth Sunday meeting was called for. By vote of the messenger Bethel Baptist Church was the place designated.

A motion to adjourn till 7:30 p.m. was offered and so carried.

FRIDAY NIGHT

The youth service was called to order by Moderator, Bro. Kesner, at 7:30 Friday evening after the congregation had joined in singing "Heavenly Sunlight." Prayer was worded by Bro. James Rosenberg, followed by singing "We Are Marching To Zion."

A welcome was extended by Bro. James H. Kesner who also announced the services of the youth activity.

Bro. Billy Pearson was present and took charge of the youth activity. Bro. Pearson is president of the youth work.

Bro. James Rosenberg was called to the stand to direct a song, "When We All Get To Heaven" was selected.

Several specials in song and instrumental music were rendered by the youth.

Bro. Billy Pearson introduced Bro. Wallace Bailey who had been selected to bring the message. Bro. Bailey read Luke 19:1-10. A great message was brought and enjoyed by all present. An invitation was given while the congregation sang "Almost Persuaded."

The program was returned to Bro. Billy Pearson. After a few remarks he returned the service to Bro. Kesner, moderator of the Association.

A motion was made that the Moderator appoint a committee to gather old minutes of this association to be used in obtaining history of this Association. Those appointed were: Bren. Oscar Pinkham, J. B. Watson, R. T. Stevens.

There was a call for the report of the Finance Committee.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, submit the following report on monies brought to the Association.

FOR:

State Missions	\$ 45.60
Orphans Home	20.00
Minutes and Clerk Hire	98.13
Total	\$163.73

O. B. Rogers
W. B. Holt
Jess Humphrey

All business being concluded there was a motion to adjourn till Thursday night before the last Sunday in August 1961, when the Association will meet with Avery Baptist Church.

Benediction was by Bro. Williamson.

CHURCHES --- PASTORS --- CLERKS

AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

AKIN GROVE: Pastor, Eld. A. I. Bond, Bogata, Texas. Clerk, W. H. Hammer. Sunday School Superintendent, Hugh Parnell, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas.

AUSTIN CHAPEL: Pastor, Eld. George E. White, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Tex., Clerk, Mrs. J. C. White, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas. Superintendent, Raymond O. Tidwell, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas.

AVERY: Pastor, Eld. R. T. Stevens, Box 41, Avery, Texas. Clerk, Mrs. Charley Webb, Rt. 2, Avery, Texas. Superintendent, Mr. Dennis Downs, Rt. 2, Avery, Texas.

BETHEL: Pastor, Eld. Loyd Williamson, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas. Clerk, Mrs. J. A. Cunningham, Box 845, DeKalb, Texas. Superintendent, Lester Flanery, DeKalb, Texas.

COLLEGE HILL: Pastor, Eld. G. F. Crumley, Texarkana, Texas. Clerk, Mrs. Gertrude Lewis, DeKalb, Texas.

FRIENDSHIP: Pastor, Eld. Royal C. Burt, 303 Short St., Clarksville, Texas. Clerk, Mrs. Roy Linton, Box 345, Clarksville, Texas. Superintendent, Roy E. Linton, Box 345, Clarksville, Texas.

FIRST: (Johnstown): Pastor, Eld. Alvin Blalock, Rt. 4, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Clerk, H. Drue Pirtle, 1204 Raney St., Longview, Texas. Superintendent, Jerrel Branch, Gen. Del., Bogata, Texas.

HODGSON: Pastor, Eld. Leon Parten, Genderson, Texas. Clerk, Mrs. Carlso Carlton, Rt. 2, Box 168, DeKalb, Texas. Superintendent, Lewis Forsythe, Rt. 4, DeKalb, Texas.

HOPEWELL: Pastor, Cecil Hill, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas. Clerk, Mrs. Grace R. Roberts, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas. Superintendent, Harvey Fryar, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas.

HUBBARD CHAPEL: Pastor, not given. Clerk, Mrs. Maurice Hen-son, Route 1, DeKalb, Texas. Superintendent, Eual Bur-den, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas.

LYDIA: Pastor, Eld. Billy Pearson, Rt. 3, Box 391, Marshall, Texas. Clerk, O. H. Pinkham, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas. Superin-tendent, Not given.

MAPLE CREEK: Pastor not given. Clerk I. E. McConnell, Bogata Texas, Rt. 1. Superintendent, J. D. Siddens, Bogata, Texas, Rt. 1.

MOUNT PLEASANT: Pastor, R. C. Hill, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas. Clerk, Doris Cary, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas. Superintendent, Jim Hays, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas.

NEW HAVEN: Pastor not given. Clerk, Mrs. Howard Westbrook, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas. Superintendent, Mr. Aubrey Raulston, Bagwell, Texas.

NEW HOPE: Pastor, Eld. Melvin Finley, Rt. 2, Linden, Texas. Clerk, Leo McMillan, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas. Superintendent, Robert Shumake, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas.

POST OAK: Pastor not given. Clerk, Vaughn Dean Lee, Bogata, Texas, Rt. 2. Superintendent Ross Miles, Rt. 3, Detroit, Texas.

WEST SIDE: Pastor, James H. Kesner, Box 21, New Boston, Texas. Mrs. Jim Stewart, Rt. 2, New Boston, Texas. Superintendent, Edd Parker, Rt. 2, New Boston, Texas.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This body shall be opened by song and prayer.
2. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the moderator and await his recognition.
3. When a member has been recognized by the moderator he shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subjects, or uses personal indecorous language.
4. No members shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject.
5. No one shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on any one subject unless granted an extension of time by the body.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this body shall be to awaken a deeper interest in the welfare of the denomination, to cultivate a closer union between the churches and to produce and perpetuate the greatest activity as to missionary and educational enterprises, and to widen the scope of denominational benevolence.

Article 3. This body shall be composed of such regular Baptist Churches as may agree to unite with this Association by means of Messengers to carry out the object set forth in Article 2 of this Constitution; such messengers to present letters of petition for admission from their respective churches.

Article 4. The messengers holding the annual session of this body shall be chosen by their respective churches, such action being certified by the churches in their letters to the Association.

Article 5. Each church composing this body shall be entitled to three Messengers.

Article 6. This Association shall be in nature a joint auxiliary to the churches composing it. It is not formed by any ecclesiastical end, but merely for benevolent purposes, but reserves the right to withdraw from any church which becomes heterodox in faith or disorderly practice.

Article 7. Each church shall be the sole judge of her Messengers.

Article 8. The Association shall recognize freedom of speech as essential to the highest achievement of its work.

Article 9. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an assistant Moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by show of hands from the Messengers composing the body and shall hold office for one year beginning at the close of same session.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body, to keep order, and to discharge such other duties as belong to this office.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of each session of this body and to have same published and distributed to the churches as the report of the Association.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account of all money received and disbursed, and he shall make a report of the same to the Association during its annual session.

Article 13. This Association shall have an Executive Committee composed of one member from each church in this Association to be chosen by their respective churches at the time the church elects its messengers to the annual meeting of the Association, to report at the next annual session of the Association. Five members of said Committee shall compose a quorum; the Moderator to be the Chairman of said Committee, to have charge of the work outlined by the Messengers to the annual meeting of the body.

Article 14. In order to change or amend this Constitution, the amendment or amendments must be offered in writing and be presented in open session on the first session and said amendment or amendments must lay over until the second day's meeting and it shall take a two-thirds vote of the Messengers present to change or amend the Constitution.

Article 15. This Constitution shall be effective and in full force from and after its adoption.